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### High Surf Advisory in Effect for the Marianas; Inexperienced Swimmers Should Stay Out of the Water

The National Weather Service (NWS) Guam Weather Forecast Office has issued a high surf advisory for Guam, Rota, Tinian, and Saipan, in effect until 6 a.m. Tuesday. A high surf advisory means high surf will affect beaches in the advisory area, producing localized beach erosion and dangerous swimming conditions.

Hazardous surf of 8 to 10 feet and dangerous rip currents are expected along north and west facing reefs of Guam, Rota, Tinian, and Saipan.

Inexperienced swimmers should remain out of the water due to dangerous surf conditions. If caught in a rip current, relax and float. Do not swim against the current. If unable to escape, face the shore and call or wave for help. The community is advised to avoid venturing out along north and west facing reefs and beaches. Large breaking waves can knock people down and cause serious injuries. Strong rip currents can drag people out to sea.

The Offices of Guam Homeland Security and Civil Defense (GHS/OCD) advise residents and visitors to avoid hazardous seas, especially north and west facing reefs and beaches, until conditions subside. Heed the advice of lifeguards, beach patrol flags, and signs.

Visit the following links for the latest advisory information:

- NWS Website: <https://www.weather.gov/gum/>
- NWS Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/NWSGuam/>
- GHS/OCD Website: <https://ghs.guam.gov/>
- GHS/OCD Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/GHSOCD/>

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